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SUBJECT: MBFR: EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL: TEXTS OF FRG AND CANADIAN
PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AT JANUARY 23 SPC

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1. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE TEXTS OF DRAFT GUIDANCE TO THE AHG ON
THE EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED AT THE JANUARY 23 SPC MEETING
BY FRG AND CANADA. THE UK HAS WITHDRAWN ITS OWN TEXT IN FAVOR
OF THE FRG TEXT, AND THE
NETHERLANDS HAS WITHDRAWN ITS TEXT IN FAVOR OF THE CANADIAN ONE,
EXCEPT FOR LAST CANADIAN SENTENCE. THUS THE TEXTS REMAINING UNDER
CONSIDERATION IN SPC, BESIDES THE US TEXT, ARE THE TWO TRANSMITTED
IN THIS MESSAGE, AND THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL.
MISSION HAS REPORTED ON DISCUSSION AT JANUARY 23 SPC BY SEPTTEL,
AND REQUESTS WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON FRG, CANADIAN AND BELGIAN PROPO-
SALS IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27.

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2. BEGIN FRG TEXT:

THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD TELL THE EASTERN NEGOTIATORS THAT
AFTER MUCH STUDY, THE ALLIES HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE

EASTERN PROPOSAL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THE ALLIES DO NOT OPPOSE AN ENGAGEMENT NOT TO INCREASE FORCES PER SE BUT BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON AGREEMENT TO REDUCTIONS. ACCORDIGLY THE ALLIES PROPOSE THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING ON A NO-INCREASE COMMITMENT WHICH WOULD COME INTO EFFECT AS SOON AS AGREEMENT ON PHASE I HAS BEEN REACHED. THIS UNDERSTANDING WOULD INVOLVE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

A) THE NON-INCREASE WOULD APPLY TO THE TOTAL OF GROUND FORCE AND AIR FORCE MANPOWER MAINTAINED BY EACH SIDE IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS AT THE TIME WHEN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON PHASE I. THESE LEVELS WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE LOWERED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE GROUND FORCE REDUCTIONS AGREED IN PHASE I.

B) DATA RELAIING TO THESE TOTALS ON EACH SIDE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE UNDERSTANDING. FOR THIS PURPOSE EACH SIDE WOULD COLLECTIVELY PROVIDE THE OTHER WITH FULL INFORMATION ON THE LEVEL OF ITS GROUND AND AIR FORCE MANPOWER.

C) THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT WOULD BE LIMITED IN TIME TO A FIVE YEAR PERIOD. (THE MAXIMUM PERIOD COULD BE EXTENDED BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF THE TWO SIDES. SUCH MUTUAL CONSENT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE SECOND PHASE NEGOTIATIONS HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS AND SHOWED REASONABLE PROMISE OF A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION.)END OF FRG TEXT

3. BEGIN CANADIAN TEXT:

THE ALLIEDNEGOTIATORS ARE AUTHORIZED TO TELL THE EAST THAT, AFTER MUCH STUDY, THE ALLIES HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE EASTERN PROPOSAL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, AND GIVE REASONS STATED IN CM(74)90. THEY SHOULD STATE THAT THE MAIN BUSINESS OF THE VIENNA TALKS IS TO NEGOTIATE REDUCTIONS. THE ALLIES DO NOT OPPOSE A FREEZE AS SUCH BUT BELIEVE
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THAT A FREEZE SHOULD BE COMBINED WITH AN AGREEMENT ON REDUCTIONS. THE ALLIES HAVE PROPOSED A FREEZE IN CONNECTION WITH PHASE ONE REDUCTIONS AND THEY CONSIDER THAT THIS COMBINATION OF A FREEZE AND REDUCTIONS REPRESENTS A MORE PRODUCTIVE APPROACH TO THE CENTRAL TASK OF NEGOTIATIONSTHAN THE EASTERN APPROACH. HOWEVER, THE ALLIES HAVE NO INTENTION OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF THEIR FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE WHILE NEGOTIATIONS GO ON IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND BUSINESS-LIKE MANNER AND WHILE THE EASTERN SIDE REFRAINS FROM INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ITS FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THE ALLIES INVITE EASTERN REPRESENT-ATIVES TO MAKE A SIMILAR STATEMENT OF INTENTION.

END OF CANADIAN TEXT.BRUCE

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